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PAMELA SMART talks to defense attorney Mark Sisti during a break in her accomplice-to-murder trial at Rockingham County Superior Court yesterday.

Gregg Smart's Mother: I Just Want To . . . Shake the Living Life Out of Her

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EXETER — Every time Pamela Wojas Smart walks by her former in-laws to her seat at the defense table, Judith Smart feels "deep, deep anger" at the woman charged with masterminding the plot to kill her son.

"I just want to grab ahold of her and shake the living life out of her," an angry and emotional Smart said yesterday.

Mrs. Smart and her husband, William, were mobbed by reporters as they left Rockingham County Superior Court yesterday. The day's proceedings ended at 2 p.m. because of the illness of one of the attorneys, a bailiff said.

Mrs. Smart visibly trembled as she spoke of the deep-seated anger she said she feels toward the woman she believes was responsible for the death of her son Gregory, 24, May 1.

"Deep down in my gut, I'm angry," Smart said. "I really do hate that girl."

Rick Smart, 33, the oldest of the Smarts' three sons, said he hopes Pamela Smart is convicted and sentenced to jail for the rest of her life.

But Smart said he, like the

rest of his family, was surprised at the sympathy they felt for William Flynn, 17, even as he testified that he fired the fatal shot that ended Gregory Smart's life.

"I felt kind of bad about (Flynn)," he said. "She (Pamela) completely took control. I think she tried to do that with my brother, too. She couldn't do that with Gregg and maybe she didn't like that idea."

Mrs. Smart said she, too, was surprised at the sympathy she felt for Flynn. "I was looking at the person who murdered my son, I don't understand this," she said.

"It was terrible, horrible, listening to that," she said of Flynn's sometimes brutal testimony. "(But) I felt very bad for him. In my heart, I sort of forgave him, because I knew in my heart how she (Pamela) must have manipulated him."

Mrs. Smart said it took two or three months to believe her daughter-in-law might have had anything to do with her son's murder.

But now, she said, she is convinced Pamela Smart is guilty.

"It's a lot of little things," she

said. "Things she did and said when she came over didn't seem right."

"In her new condo there wasn't a single picture of Gregg in the whole place. Everything he ever loved or owned . . . was sent directly to my house two days after he died, in trash bags. Everything," she said beginning to cry.

At Gregory's wake, Pamela wouldn't enter the room if the casket was open, Mrs. Smart said. "She said, 'Close the casket and I will go in,'" Smart said.

Mrs. Smart said she has never seen Pamela shed a tear over the death of her husband. The night he was murdered, she said, Pamela only asked for her dog.

That lack of emotion has carried through to the trial, Mrs. Smart said, noting that Pamela laughs, and talks to her attorneys "like it's a baseball game."

"I think she thinks she's going to get out of this."

But despite her difficulty coping with Pamela's presence, and the agony of listening to the testimony concerning the murder, Mrs. Smart said she will continue to attend the trial.

"I have to do this for Gregg," she said. "I have to be there."